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PROVIDING JAVA BASED  
HIGH AVAILABILITY  
CLUSTERING FRAMEWORK

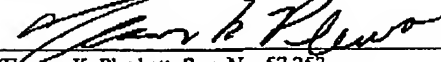
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Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Remarks begin on Page 9.